



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: 10/24/2017

CC: R. Ledwith, Chief Gove

Subject: Resolution (Hart) to Appropriate \$120,000 in Grant Funds Awarded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement (195)

Background: The Town has been awarded grant funds from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to help cover the cost of a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program. The Town has received these in years past and continues to utilize them as received.

Operational Impact: Funds would be used to conduct activities with a goal of reducing the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement in order that drivers will better realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence.

Financial Impact: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 budget of the General Fund. (The grant period ends September 8, 2018. Any unused funds as of June 30, 2018 would be carried forward to FY 2019.) Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$120,000 with a corresponding appropriation for overtime in the Police department to conduct DUI enforcement activities.

Legal Review: Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period runs from October 5, 2017 through September 8, 2018.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the attached resolution which would allow for grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program to be appropriated for the purpose of expanded DUI enforcement activities.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$120,000 IN GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE
UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF
COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded Federal Funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program (Federal Program Area 2018-154AL, State Project 0198-0722-DR) in the amount of \$120,000 to provide comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement program activities from October 5, 2017 through September 8, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this program are to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement so that drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and, therefore, deter that behavior, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such funds for additional DUI patrol activities, in accordance with both Federal and State regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these DUI patrol activities is \$120,000, all of which will be funded with this grant,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program are appropriated for the purpose of expanded DUI enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue

01-220410-20101-9070	Federal Grant Revenue	\$120,000
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Increase Appropriations

01-220410-20101-1010	Overtime	\$120,000
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